

Old Testament Fingerprints of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:11)

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I. Prophetic Fingerprints

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O.T. Fingerprints of the Holy Spirit

Peter here is identifying the author of the O.T. scriptures by the word "signify". It means to indicate or to show or set forth. Peter is saying that what the O.T. revealed about the coming Messiah had the fingerprints of the Holy Spirit all over it. One That unerring hand is the Holy Spirit of God. Who weaves the bright threads of the person of the ages, the Lord Jesus, thru the rich tapestry of the O.T. It is our endeavor tonight to inspect his O.T. craftsmanship and admire the unmistakable fingerprints of God the Holy Ghost.

I. Prophetic Fingerprints - Two

Rabbis, approaching Jerusalem observed a fox running upon the Hill Zion. Rabbi Joshua wept, Rabbi Eliezer laughed

Why are you laughing? asked the one who wept

A. Prophecies concerning Christ's Entry

There are many and varied passages that prophecy Jesus's first coming. Deut 18:18 He would be a Great Prophet. Is 40:1-5 He would reveal his glory. But 5 Particular Gen 3:15 come thru human race 2 Gen 22:18 thru the lineage of Abraham. Gen 49:10 thru the line of Judah Micah 5:2 from Bethlehem Is 7:14 - Immanuel

B. Prophecies concerning Christ's Execution

Centuries before his arrival, Jesus death was clearly portrayed. His rejection - Ps 69:4 His betrayal Zech 11:12; Mockery Micah 5:1. But w/ supernatural accuracy intimate details were given concerning crucifixion - ch 3 22:16 Zech 12:10 Hands + feet pierced Ps 34:20 No bones broken. From Ps 22:15, 69:21 we read of how

C. Prophecies concerning Christ's Exaltation

1 Peter 1:11 not only suffering but the glory! We see his resurrection glory in Ps 2:7 16:10 Is 53:10, his ascension in Ps 24:1-10 His position at the father's right hand in Ps 68:18. We see his inheritance in the saints thru grace in ch 53:11, 12 His Kingdom authority in Ps 2:6, 110:1. All ^{pass} come to

II. Personal Fingerprints - When it comes to Jesus and the OT, one author said: _____

- 1) ...One author from a by gone day said..."*In the fabulous records of pagan antiquity, we read of a mirror endowed with properties so rare, that, by looking into it, its possessor could discover any object which he wished to see, however remote; and discover with equal ease persons and things above, below, behind, and before him. Such a mirror, but infinitely more valuable than this fictitious glass, do we possess in the Bible; by employing it in a proper manner, we may discern objects and events, past, present, and to come. Here we may contemplate the all-enfolding circle of the eternal Mind, and behold a perfect portrait of Him whom no mortal eye hath seen, drawn by his own unerring hand.*"
- 2) ...who wept." "Why are you crying?" demanded Eliezer. I weep because I see what it written in Lamentations "Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it." "That is what I laugh" said Eliezer. "Because when I see with my own eyes that God has fulfilled his treatenings to the very letter, I see the pledge of God that none of His promises will ever fail. And he is far more ready to show mercy than judgment! The fulfilled prophecies are an assurance from God of His divine revelation.
- 3) ...read of how he was given vinegar to drink when he was thirsty. In Is. 53:12 we see he was numbered with the transgressors and earlier in vs 5 we see that his death would be a substitutionary one.

1) In ancient times, a celebrated artist made a most wonderful shield, and worked his own name into it so that it could not be removed without destroying the shield. It is just so with the Bible and Christ. The Holy Spirits exaltation of Christ in the Old Testament writings can not be overlooked.

2) ...Israel and Judah pictures Christ who rules over all!

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A. The fingerprint of Christ's Servile Attitude
Several O.T. verses prophetically depict
Jesus as the Servant of Jehovah. Also
this type Jesus is portrayed as the
servant of God. Jacob's 14 years of service
for Rachel (Loving Servant) Joseph's service in
prison (Rejected Servant) Joshua's faithful
service to Moses, Israel's servant to God.

B. The fingerprint of Christ's Saving Activity
Many Characters typify Jesus, not in
life, but in death. Adam willingly choosing
death for his bride. Able righteous & blameless
slain by wicked jealous Cain. Probably

the most familiar of all is Isaac
who willingly and cheerfully laid down
his life on Moriah, clearly portrays Jesus in
Calvary.

C. The fingerprint of Christ's Sovereign Attitude
Jesus not only lived and died but
lived again! And reigns on high.
Enoch walked w/ God in a vile and perverse
world. Jesus reigned in life. Noah on the
other side of Judgment waters pictures
Jesus triumphing over the grave. Abraham
whose lives on in his people. David King of Israel.

III. Procedural Fingerprints - Con-
cerning the history of Sacrifice one author
wrote "There is no region where the pilgrims
best can travel, where you will not find others

p. all to propitiate the anger or secure the
A. Patriarchal Procedures - In Gen
three we find the coats of ~~Rms~~ were
given to cover sin, these point to Christ our
righteous covering. Abels offering
illustrates Jesus the acceptable offering to God
Noah's thanksgiving offering indicates Jesus
cross offering brought praise to God. Abrahams
offering reminds us that God gave his only ^{son}.

B. Passover Procedures - Before
the children of Israel left in the
Exodus, a Memorial Feast was instit-
uted as a yearly custom. That Feast points
to another Passover (Cor 5: 7 says
John Gill wrote! The Lord Jesus
was comparable to a lamb for his innocence
and harmlessness³, for his meekness, Humility

C. Priestly Procedures - Not long
after that Passover the Priestly
procedures w/ afflics rituals and
laws was instituted. The primary occu-
pation of priests' time was that of offering
5 main ones - Burnt offering - Christ the
submissive one, The Meal offering Christ
the serving one, Peace Offering - Christ

IV. Close - All the intricate
patterns point to a master writer
whose shadows and types clearly
show us his Divine authorship.

- 1) ...secure the protection of some fancied object of worship.” This ingrained trait of human behavior has its origins in the sacrificial system given by God just outside the garden of Eden. The book of Hebrews clearly reveals these procedures to be pointing to Christ the ultimate sacrifice.
- 2) 1 Corinthians 5:7 ...For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
- 3) ...humility, and patience, for usefulness, both for food and reignment, as well as for being fit for sacrifice, and who is a lamb without spot and without blemish, either of original sin, or actual transgression, holy in His nature, harmless in His life.
- 4) ...Peace offering – Christ the Satisfying one. The Sin offering – Christ the Sinless one. And the Trespass Offering – Christ the sufficient one. These and numerous others (the Heave offering, the drink offering, the red heifer offering) all point to the Lord Jesus, who as one author states, “...is the sum of the offerings.”

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